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SUBJECT: ELECTION OF ICAO COUNCIL

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FOR USREP ICAO

1. IT HAS BEEN USG POLICY NOT TO GIVE FORMAL INDICATION
OF SUPPORT FOR ICAO COUNCIL ELECTIONS PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL
ELECTION. WE HAVE NOT SOLICITED SUPPORT FOR US RE-ELECTION
AND FOLLOW POLICY OF INFORMING STATES WHICH MAKE APPROACHES
TO US THAT WE SHALL GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THEIR
REQUEST. OUR LINE WITH LATIN AMERICAN STATES HAS BEEN TO
ADVISE CANDIDATES THAT THE USUAL PRACTICE OF THE USG IS TO
ASCERTAIN THE PREFERENCES OF OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS
BEFORE DECIDING ON AN AMERICAN REPUBLIC CANDIDACY OF THIS
KIND. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, US FINAL POSITION ON COUNCIL
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ELECTIONS IS NOT DRAWN UP UNTIL JUST BEFORE ASSEMBLY WHEN

ALL CANDIDACIES ARE KNOWN.

2. GIVEN FACT THAT ELECTIONS BECOMING MORE CONTROVERSIAL AND POLITICAL, PRISTINE PURE APPLICATION OF ABOVE POLICY COULD CREATE DIFFICULTIES IN PARTICULAR SITUATIONS WHEN U.S. INDICATION OF ELECTION SUPPORT MIGHT WELL ASSIST U.S. OVERALL OBJECTIVES. IN THIS CONNECTION, WHILE FINAL USG

ELECTION POSITION NOT KNOWN UNTIL LAST MOMENT, A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THE STATES WE PLAN TO SUPPORT ARE OBVIOUS AND ARE KNOWN CONSIDERABLY IN ADVANCE OF THE ELECTION. USREP'S VIEWS SOLICITED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF MODIFYING U.S. POLICY TO INDICATE KNOWN SUPPORT IN ADVANCE WHERE IT WOULD ASSIST U.S. OBJECTIVES.

3. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO KEEP USREP INFORMED OF REQUEST FOR ELECTION SUPPORT FROM OTHER STATES. WITH RESPECT INDONESIAN REQUEST AT ROME MEETING, PAUL LARSEN, MEMBER USDEL, WAS ASKED INFORMALLY BY F. MAHMUD OF INDONESIAN DELEGATION WHETHER U.S. COULD SUPPORT INDONESIA FOR RE-ELECTION TO ICAO COUNCIL. LARSEN MADE NO COMMITMENT AND PASSED THIS INFO TO OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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